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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 46 pages, including 7 independent claims and 34 claims total.
2. Drawings - 15 sheets of formal drawings containing 21 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-229772, filed July 28, 2000.
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